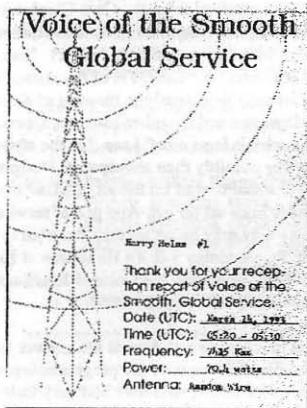


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At press time, George Zeller reports receiving the following e-mail from well-known DXer Gabriel Ivan Barerra in Argentina concerning the new Radio Afghanistan. Here is the text of the e-mail:

Concerning 9950 khz, not heard its signal in Buenos Aires. And, about the probably location of this station, here only I reproduce some information received from the Capt Charles acting Commanding Officer "We Rule the Night" from the airborne ranger Brigade in Beaumont, California, operating the Army Radio Station adn3u, who said me on Wed Nov 21: "has been up 3 days so far, Starts 1330 until 1430 gmt on 9.950 mhz" & "The QTH of the station is Kabul, The transmit times are as listed, Jon (The Colonel) is presently in the area of Kunduz". On Thu 22 said: "So good coverage so far, Hope you and the other listeners appreciate the Colonels effort". And finally, today the Capt Charles inform me: " I see that the station the Colonel helped put on the air is being heard farther possibly than anticipated, Dodgeing R Cairo in operating hours, This should be about day 6 sence it went on the air, QSL's? Dont know yet, I don't think phone service and an ISP have been set up yet, And postal service is non existant at this stage, I would guess that an entry way may be set up thru Pakistan or another country first. Heard here this morning +10 & 5's, yesterday 9 & 4's He is now at Kunduz. 73's Capt Charles, Acting CO "We Rule the Night", operating the Colonel Jon Standing-bear; Army Radio Station adn3u; P.O.Box 44, Beaumont, Calif, 92223-0044 ".

Finally, about my concrete question if the station is in Kabul or not, here is the answer from Nov 22, at 1128 PST: "Really, as far as I know, I understand some of the programming might be produced elsewhere, As the studios there were in poor shape, And they had very little in the way of up to date music etc, As the Taliban permitted only the Koran broadcast over the radio, and naturally their own propaganda. And TV not at all, Understand thats up now too, Coverage about 30km around the station, But more than they've had in several years, And about 3 MW stations are also up, and heard outside of Afganistan, Next? I can only guess! 73's

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LATE LOGS

Blind Faith Radio (blindfaithradio@yahoo.com)

- 10/20/01, 1536-1546*, 6955U - mx - classic rock. Doctor Napalm holds a "Stump the Canadians" musical quiz. (GZ-OH 353)

Paragon Radio (*Unknown*)

- 10/21/01, 0046-0112, 6955U - good tunes. (ZR-AZ 323)

Radio Bingo (radiobingo@chek.com)

- 10/20/01, 0218-0228, 6925A - good imitation of Steve Anderson and UPR with Merlin address at 0227. (RD-PA)

Sycko Radio (psycoradiohd@yahoo.com?)

- 10/21/01, *0310-0420*, 6955U - mx - rock. Numerous IDs. Bong Radio temporarily takes over the broadcast. (GZ-OH 253)(RD-PA)

Take It Easy Radio (*Belfast*)

- 10/21/01, *0228-0307*, 6955U - mx - Eagles and US patriotic. Greetings to listeners and plug for upcoming Halloween broadcast. (GZ-OH 254)(RD-PA)(ZR-AZ 333)

United Patriot Militia Bingo (*Merlin*)

- 10/19/01, 0146-0200, 6925A - various sound bites. (ZR-AZ 333)
- 10/20/01, 0145-0226, 6925A - usual sound collage. (ZR-AZ 322)
- 10/21/01, 0110-0156, 6925A - Steve Anderson on the run. (ZR-AZ 322)

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- 10/19/01, 0223-0224, 6955U - caught only the last minute of something. (ZR-AZ 322)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Alfa Lima International (*Hoogeveen*)

- 10/27/01, 2318-2342+, 15070A - mx - martial marches. Host Alfred discussing the recent raid on Mike Radio. (RD-PA)(JS-NE)

Radio Omroep Zuid (Roz.am@iae.nl)

- 11/03/01, 1457-1537*, 21890A - test transmission. Gave ID at 1535 in English and Dutch. Signed off at 1537 after playing "November Rain" by Guns'n'Roses. (CL-MA 232)

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Betty Boo Radio (*Providence*)

- 11/01/01, *0125-0207*, 6925A - BBR's traditional Halloween show. Inc. mx by Cab Calloway, The Dead Kennedys and J.S.Bach. Host Keelo Verndigh. (LR-NH 434)(AF 433)(WH-IL 233)(JS-NE 333)(ZR-AZ 323)

Crunchie Radio (*FRN/A.C.E.*)

- 11/18/01, *0300-0345+, 6955A - mx - old time big band. Comedy skit, "Rhythm is our Business". "Music that makes sense" slogan. (AF 322)(GZ-OH)(DC-IN 322)

Ground Zero Radio (*Blue Ridge Summit*)

- 10/27/01, 2110-2124*, 15070U - "Back from the Dead" special. (JS-NE)
- 10/28/01, 2315+, 15070U - repeat of 10/27 show. (JS-NE)
- 10/29/01, 0000, 6930U - host Dave Gunn with "Back from the Dead 2001 Halloween Special" - "Shout at the Devil", "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", "We hope you saved your chicken blood from last year". (AF 343)(GZ-OH 353)(JS-NE 433)(ZR-AZ 432)

He-Man Radio (*Blue Ridge Summit*)

- 11/17/01, 2323-2330*, 6955U - mx - rock/pop. Several IDs and the comment that "music sounds good in sideband". (GZ-OH)

Iron Man Radio (*Unknown*)

- 10/29/01, *0047-0233*, 6950U – Willy the Pirate sings, Scruffy Schwab, Pirate Pete, VotAB and Bong Man starring. VotAB consumed by pygmy shrews, identity crises with station name change resulting. Might be Sycko or closely associated w/Sycko. (*Pse QSL LR-NH 433*) (*GZ-OH 343*) (*SC-VA 433*) (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 333*)

KIPM (*Elkhorn*)

- 10/26/01, 2300-2358*, 6925U – “The Clockwork”. (*JS-NE* 9+20)
- 10/27/01, 0012-0129*, 6928U – “He Who Evolved”. (*DC-IN 433*) (*RD-PA*) (*JS-NE 534*) (*ZR-AZ 554*)
- 10/27/01, 0200-0312, 6928U – “He Who Evolved”. (*DC-IN 544*) (*JS-NE 534*) (*ZR-AZ 554*)
- 10/27/01, 0320-0355, 6950U – no details. (*DC-IN 544*)
- 10/27/01, 0900-1003, 6925U – “He Who Evolved”. (*WH-IL 255*)
- 10/27/01, 2320-0000, 6900U – “Larger than Life” – write in now and get the gossip and the “Tom Thumb” radio. Allen sings! (*AF 244* – reported 6950) (*JS-NE* 9+10) (*ZR-AZ 555*)
- 10/28/01, 0005-0215*, 6925U – “He Who Evolved”, “Pirate Jesus”. (*PL-NY 333*) (*WH-IL 144*) (*CL-MA 333*) (*DC-IN 555*) (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 555*)
- 10/28/01, 0250-0425, 6900U – “He Who Shrank”. (*WH-IL 155*) (*CL-MA 343*) (*DC-IN 544*) (*JS-NE* – John reports it was “He Who Evolved”?) (*ZR-AZ 555*)
- 10/28/01, 0505, 6900U – “He Who Evolved”. (*WH-IL 144*) (*JS-NE 434*)
- 10/28/01, 1150-1235+, 6930U – “Pirate Jesus”. (*CL-MA 232*) (*DC-IN 433*) (*JS-NE 433*)

KMUD (*Lone Pine*)

- 11/04/01, 0010-0130, 6953A – varied mx. (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 11/10/01, 0120-0243, 6951A – mx – Joni Mitchell. (*ZR-AZ 222*)

KRMI (*krmi6955@hotmail.com*)

- 10/28/01, 0034-0045, 6950U – Mx and KRMI email drop given. Somebody at the doorbell. (*AF 332*) (*PL-NY 333*)
- 10/28/01, 2025-2044, 13916U – séances and a visit from the FCC. (*JS-NE*)
- 10/29/01, 0059-0122*, 6950U – Halloween themed show, Ouija Boards, “Night of the Dead”, “Ghosts and the Goblins Cry”. Visitors at the door. Gave WRMI ID but KRMI email address. (*AF 333*) (*GZ-OH 343* – George reported AM) (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 322*)

MIDI Radio (*midiradio@yahoo.com* - but the Yahoo service says disabled/discontinued)

- 11/11/01, 0247, 6955U – electronic mx – Queen, The Doors, Fleetwood Mac. Electronic voiceover possibly saying “6955 kilohertz”? (*AF 141*)

Mystery Science Radio (*A.C.E. DiaLOGS*)

- 10/26/01, 2247-2300, 6925U – theremin mx. (*ZR-AZ 443*)

New Voices Of The Purple Pumpkin (*Unknown*)

- 10/30/01, 0033-0117, 6955A – history of the station given in between songs on this Halloween show. (*SC-VA 333*) (*ZR-AZ 212*)

Paragon Radio (*Unknown*)

- 10/28/01, 0105-0128*, 6950U – mx – blues. Various homilies, antireligious diatribe. (*AF 242*) (*Pse QSL JS-NE*) (*WH-IL 144*)
- 10/29/01, 0246-0309*, 6950U – mx – blues. OM anner with Southron accent. “All I ask of life is an exaggerated sense of my own self-importance!”, “You have to accept me for what I am – unacceptable” and such ilk. (*Pse QSL LR-NH 434*) (*AF 233*) (*Pse QSL JS-NE 433*) (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 11/03/01, 0433, 6950U – mx – blues. “Seeing is believing: I wouldn’t have seen it if I didn’t believe it!” (*AF 243*) (*WH-IL 132*)
- 11/11/01, 0415-0430+, 6955U – mx – blues, Hendrix. Possible technical problems. (*Pse QSL JS-NE*)
- 11/17/01, 0346, 6955U – mx – blues. Good audio, more aphorisms such as “please, don’t recommend me to your friends; it’s difficult enough to cope with you alone!” (*AF 243*)
- 11/18/01, 0020-0245, 6955L – “If we all work together we can beat the system!” (*Pse QSL DC-IN 433*)

Purple Nucleus Of Creation (*Unknown*)

- 10/26/01, 2359-0016, 6928U – mx – space. “Ethereal music for your ears!” abrupt loss of signal. (*Pse QSL JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 454*)
- 10/28/01, 1210-1220, 6930U – ending of show and signoff (just before the KIPM show.) (*Pse QSL DC-IN 433*)

Radio 3 (*A.C.E.*)

- 11/01/01, 0236, 6924A – poor signal, could just make out ID. (*AF 111*)

Radio 8 (*Says Belfast* - but JTA denies all knowledge at this juncture)

- 11/19/01, 0034-0100, 6925U – Maria. Weasel is the Weak Link. Churchill sings Afghan national anthem. (*DC-IN 444*)

Radio Azteca (*Belfast*)

- 11/09/01, 0038-0102*, 6925A – mx – “Apache”. Program #39 - a gross, yet tasteful, show being brought to you by Ralph’s Bakery and Crematorium. (*GM-CT 333*) (*SC-VA 433*) (*FCDX-PA*) (*ZR-AZ 222*)
- 11/17/01, 2359-0033*, 6950A – host Bram Stoker with all that’s gross, but tasteful! Monique the mail lady has problems, perfuming the elevator, listener’s letters are read. (*AF 434*) (*DC-IN 433*) (*JS-NE*)

Radio Bingo (*radiobingo@chek.com*)

- 11/09/01, 0317, 6925A – no details. (*AF 433*)

Radio Cochiguaz (*radio_cochiguaz@yahoo.com*)

- 11/16/01, 0253+, 11440U – mx – pan pipes. (*JS-NE*)

Radio Forty (*radio_forty@hotmail.com*)

- 11/03/01, 0324-0340+, 6950A – mx – early rock’n’roll. (*JS-NE*)

Radio Free Oz (*Defunct*)

- 11/01/01, 0208-0257*, 6924A – mx – Chambers Bros., Fleetwood Mac, Steeleye Span, Byrds. Weak signal, probably a rebroadcast of an old, old tape. (*LR-NH 222*) (*WH-IL 132*)

Radio Nonsense (*Belfast?*)

- 11/12/01, 0247-0321*, 6955U – mx – Steve Miller, Eric Clapton, Pink Floyd. School of the French Accent, pet prostitution, interview with Charlie Brown’s teacher. (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 333*)

Radio USA (*Belfast?*)

- 10/28/01, 2219-2359+, 6955A – News of the Weird, “No political agenda”, “Info not released to the public”. Mention of drop edited out. Off with “73s and good DX”. Almost certainly rebroadcast of old tape. (*LR-NH 333*) (*WH-IL 133*) (*GZ-OH 232*) (*JS-NE*)

Sycko Radio (*psycoradiohd@yahoo.com?*)

- 10/28/01, 0350-0443*, 6950U – mx – rap and other. (*AF 322*) (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 11/05/01, 0207-0410*, 6955U – “The Phil and Sycko Show”. Call-in show featuring the host of a NY Halloween party. (*SC-VA 333*) (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 11/07/01, 0355-0418, 6955U – sound fx, noises, dead air. (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 11/08/01, 0305-0335, 6955U – mx – rock. IDs at 0310 and 0333. (*FCDX-PA*)
- 11/18/01, 1008-1035+, 6955U – caffeinated host with early morning show. “If I’m talking too fast, tape the show and play it back slow”. (*JS-NE*)
- 11/19/01, 0365, 6955U – mx – hypno-rock (You mean “Trance”, AI?), odd percussion and odder voiceovers. (*AF 242*)

Take It Easy Radio (*Belfast?*)

- 10/25/01, 0130-0158, 6950U – patriotic mx. (*ZR-AZ 322*)
- 10/31/01, 0150-0157, 6955U – a tale of werewolves. (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 10/31/01, 0230-0246, 6955U – repeat show. (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 10/31/01, 0300-0319, 6900U – a tale of werewolves and a warning to Al Fansome to beware bunnies. (*JS-NE*)
- 11/01/01, 0214-0235*, 6935U – mx – Eagles. Toby tells a story about that nice Mister Frankenstein. Happy Halloween wishes. (*LR-NH 433*) (*Pse QSL FM-NH 433*) (*JS-NE*) (*ZR-AZ 433*)
- 11/01/01, 0251-0305*, 6900U – mx – Eagles. A shepherd boy’s tale about that classic neck biter – Dracula. (*LR-NH 333*) (*FM-NH 322*) (*JS-NE 434*) (*ZR-AZ 333*)
- 11/01/01, 0352-0436+, 6955U – repeat of earlier show. (*JS-NE 444*) (*ZR-AZ 433*)

The Voice of Captain Ron Shortwave (*captainronswr@yahoo.com*)

- 10/28/01, 2232-2236*, 6935U – The Captain is visited by Al Fansome and his dread Jellyfish Monkey. (*AF 233*)
- 10/28/01, 2238-2305+, 6930/6920U – back on after a short break on a lower frequency. Mx – Golden Earring, repeat of preceding show. (*AF 233*) (*WH-IL 133*)
- 11/04/01, 2155-2240, 6925U – mx – Golden Earring. “The Adventures of Captain Ron Files”. An encounter with a deadly cardboard box and - the inimitable Al Fansome. (*AF 233*) (*SC-VA 333*)

United Patriot Militia Bingo (*Merlin*)

- 10/24/01, 0248-0253*, 6925A – mx – “Secret Agent Man”, YL squealing about a “big gun”. (*AF 423*)
- 10/25/01, 0055+, 6950A – Anderson absconds with the Bingo money! (*ZR-AZ 222*)
- 10/26/01, 0103-0135+, 6925A – no details. (*ZR-AZ 221*)
- 10/31/01, 0329, 6925L – patriotic music, clips of Bozo, Jimmy Da Weasel, Yahweh Radio. (*AF 422*)
- 11/01/01, 0257-0351*, 6925A – mx – “Star Spangled Banner”, “The Zeller Mash”, Oxycontin rip-off story, clips of Jimmy Da Weasel. (*Pse QSL LR-NH 433*) (*JS-NE 433*) (*ZR-AZ 232*)
- 11/04/01, 0418-0522*, 6925A – mx – “Love is the Drug”. “Man on the Run” show with Steve Anderson and Bozo clips. (*AF 322*) (*SC-VA 423*) (*RD-PA*)

- 11/09/01, 0242-0350*, 6925A - "Man on the Run" program. (FDCX-PA)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 322)

WACK (888-959-8177)

- 11/04/01, *0006-0015*, 6955A - popped up to announce upcoming show at 0100 on 6925. Noted also at 0400 testing on 6925. (RD-PA)
- 11/04/01, 0213-0413, 6925U - mx - CCR, Tool, Blind Melon. Patriotic speeches ("We get knocked down..."), toll free number, Harry Belafonte number, Bill Hassig calls in on the air. (AF 422)(WH-IL 143)(GM-CT 444)(SC-VA 433)(JS-NE)
- 11/10/01, 0235-0428, 6925U - mx - Blind Melon, toll-free call in number, will put you on the air, live. (AF 433)(Pse QSL DC-IN 222)(FDCX-PA)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 333)

WAIR (FRN/A.C.E.)

- 10/27/01, 0130-0205*, 6928U - mx - "Magic Island", "Harpsichord 2000". (Pse QSL DC-IN 433)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 453)
- 10/27/01, 0425-0444, 6925U - probable repeat of earlier show. (Pse QSL DC-IN 544)
- 10/28/01, 0216-0250, 6925U - mx - independent groups, harpsichord. Hosts Robert J and Ravi Yardbrown. (WH-IL 144)(CL-MA 343)(Pse QSL DC-IN 544)(JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 554)
- 10/28/01, 0435-0502*, 6925U - indie tribute to Neil Young. (JS-NE 444)(ZR-AZ 554)

WHYP (Providence)

- 10/31/01, 0133-0218, 6925A - the search for JB's record collection, JB does an Orson Welles, the infamous "Zeller Mash". (JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 333)
- 11/03/01, 0312-0403*, 6925A - mx - Natalie Merchant. Advice from James and a visit from Ravi. Listener Appreciation Show #8. (AF 534)(RD-PA)(ZR-AZ 233)
- 11/13/01, 0318-0405, 6925A - goldfish in the frying pan! (DC-IN 433)
- 11/16/01, 0335-0406, 6925A - the nicotine withdrawal program. (JS-NE)
- 11/17/01, 0245-0310, 6925A - Dxers quit smoking, The Outfield. (DC-IN 333)

WLIS (Blue Ridge Summit)

- 11/17/01, 2220, 6955U - bad condx, Various IS, "The best G*ddamned motherf*cking interval signal station on the airwaves today!" (AF 322)

WMFQ (Providence)

- 10/27/01, 2304-2332*, 6955U - mx - "Shortenin'Bread", baseball mx, then into rock. Audio cut out for few seconds, data QRM, Providence drop given. Usual ID type given. (AF 232)(GZ-OH 353)(ZR-AZ 122)
- 11/18/01, 0404-0455, 6925A - mx - "Do you want to know a Secret", "No Reply at All". Somewhat edited. (AF 422)(DC-IN 322)

WMOE (wmoew6955@yahoo.com)

- 11/01/01, 0053, 6925A - mx - rap? Special live broadcast with the last song going out to our troops. (AF 322)(WH-IL 132)
- 11/07/01, 0229-0326, 6925A - mx - "Get on Up" and the Three Stooges. (SC-VA 212)(Pse QSL JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 233)

Z-100 (bigz100fm@yahoo.com)

- 10/27/01, 0240-0335*, 6955U - mx - Grateful Dead, OM anncr. Jingle. Off suddenly. (RD-PA)(ZR-AZ 233)
- 10/28/01, 0132-0202, 6945U - mx - Doobies, Fleetwood Mac, Who, Hendrix. New IDs. (JS-NE)
- 11/10/01, 0109-0236+, 6955U - mx - Grateful Dead, Abba, ? and the Mysterians, The Guess Who. Commercial quality IDs. (AF 333)(GM-CT 333)(DC-IN 333)(FDCX-PA)(ZR-AZ 233)
- 11/16/01, 0125-0220*, 6955U - mx - classic rock. Test transmission. (JS-NE)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

UNID

- 11/01/01, 0330+, 6951A - weak signal. (ZR-AZ 122)
- 11/03/01, 0425, 6925A - mx - pop. Sudden shift in frequency from 6925.46 to 6926.46. (WH-IL 122)

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RAMBLINGS

Well, this marks one full year of editing the column. I'm still waiting for the A.C.E. company car and the A.C.E. groupies to show..... Then, again, maybe that's just as well - I ain't touching no gooseneck lamp for *nobody*! No matter what kind of a radio it's attached to!

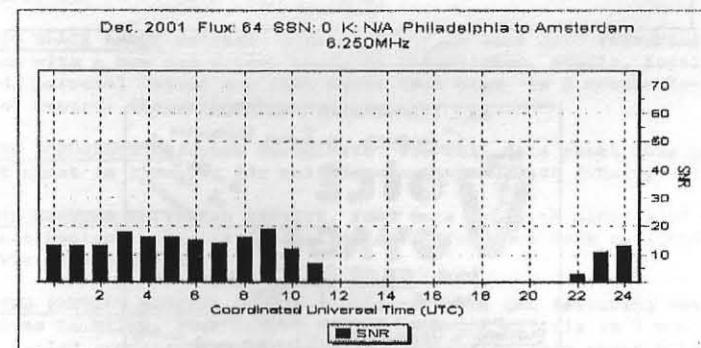
People, take note of the downward shift in frequency of many stations. Due to the various data transmissions that have moved in to the area between 6940 and 6955 many ops have moved into the segment running from 6900 to 6935. This, of course, is a good excuse to buy a second radio. Or a third or fourth one... One highly recommended receiver for use as a "watch" receiver is the Ten-Tec RX-320 in conjunction with the (free) Scan320 software - the two together can create a receiver that'll do a very nice job of scanning multiple frequencies/band segments to keep an eye open for stations popping up. I use one here for exactly that purpose - all for less than \$250 if you buy a reconditioned RX-320 from Ten-Tec.

I hope that everyone had at least a reasonable listening session over Halloween? I heard quite a few people on, some Halloween-only stations put in their regular appearance and conditions weren't too bad. Quite a turnout this time around with a number of new stations showing up and it's *always* hard, wet and hot whenever Bram Stoker and Radio Azteca make an appearance! The next biggie for Pirate activity by the time this edition of the magazine reaches you will be the Christmas/New Year holiday. Oh, and Merry Christmas to you all - just in case the January edition doesn't make it to you before the holiday!

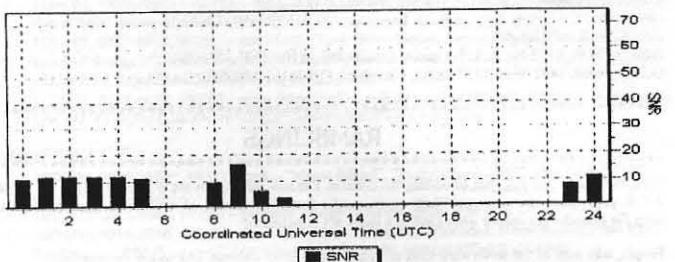
Correspondence with the estimable Mister Maxwell of KJPM indicates that people taking extra effort to make their reports both readable and interesting have a vastly improved chance of getting good stuff in return. I can verify that this is, indeed, the case - Mister Maxwell's QSLs are well worth the effort alone.

PROPAGATION

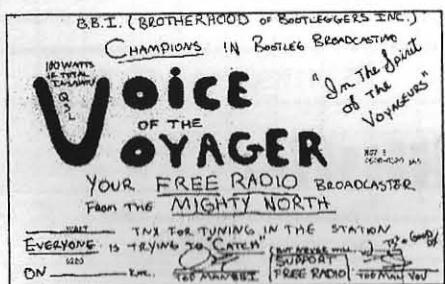
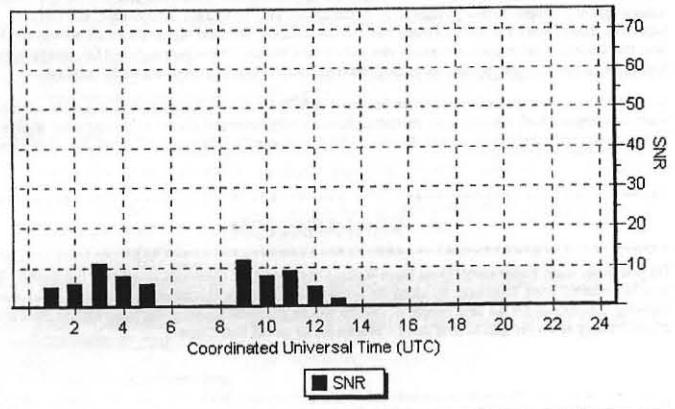
Do you suffer from Yoder envy? Does Dave Valko's big...uh, QSL collection cause fear and loathing in your household? Well, fight back by using the propagation charts for this month to plan your Europirate listening. Conditions for the next couple of months will be excellent for snagging those elusive signals and it'll be as easy as it ever gets to hear them - at least for us on the East Coast...



Dec. 2001 Flux: 64 SBN: 0 K: N/A Kansas City to Amsterdam
8.250MHz



Dec. 2001 Flux: 64 SBN: 0 K: N/A Los Angeles to Amsterdam
6.25MHz



From the collection of the lovely and talented Harry Helms:
a QSL for the Voice of the Voyager's return broadcast on November 5, 1978.

VERIFIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: December 19th

Wow! Thanks for all your reports this month. It was a great turnout. I guess the DX season must be in full swing. Looks like WMOE has been cleaning out his files. Thanks to the following contributors: S. Cherry-VA, Rich D'Angelo-PA, Joe Filipkowski-RI, Paul Lerner-NY, Greg Myers-FL, Lee Reynolds-NH, John Sedlacek-NE, George Zeller-OH

Lee Reynolds advises us the the Wilton, ME maildrop for WRX is now closed.

BLIND FAITH RADIO. Full data QSL sheet in 1 month for 3 34 cent stamps. [Lerner-NY] Full data sheet from Doc Napalm in 20 days for an email report. [Cherry-VA]

FREE RADIO SERVICE HOLLAND. 7449.8, email reply in 15 days promising snail mail reply for report sent by mail. [D'Angelo-PA]

JOLLY ROGER RADIO INTERNATIONAL/JRRI. 6239, This Irish pirate sent a full data card and letter in 53 days. It says they now use a 180 watt transmitter and the station celebrated its 14th anniversary in November. [D'Angelo-NY]

KIPM. Full data email QSL in 2 weeks. [Lerner-NY] 6955, 8.5 X 11" full color "Illuminati Prima Materia" poster with a listing of shows produced by the station. Gave an email address of KIMPOOuterlimits@hotmail.com. [D'Angelo-PA]

MYSTERY SCIENCE RADIO. Date only "Tom Servo" card in 6 weeks signed by Cherokee Jack. [Filipkowski-RI]

RADIO BLACK ARROW-Holland. 15807, nice full data card featuring a woman with a bow and arrow, photo of transmitter, studio, local post card, personal letter and fact sheet from Alex in 2 months for a taped report. [Lobdell-MA]

RADIO BORDERHUNTER-Dutch Europirate. Two full data sheet QSLs and fact sheet in 3 months for mailed report with \$2.00 [Cherry-VA]

RADIO NEPTUNE UNIVERSAL SERVICE. Full data QSL with picture of the planet Neptune, playlist and nice letter from Joe Mack received in 5 months. [Sedlacek-NE]

UNITED PATRIOT MILITIA BINGO. Full data sheet QSL featuring Beans & Jacques La Milne, Alex Draper and the Montana Militia in 3 months for mailed report. [Cherry-VA] 6955, picture collage sheet with slogan "Advocating Patriotism Through The Playing Of Bingo" in 81 days for a report to Merlin. [Zeller-OH] Same sheet in 3 months. [Lobdell-MA]

WAIR/ALL INDIE RADIO. Full data green QSL sheet in 2 weeks for FRN/ACE posting. [Sedlacek-NE]

WHYP. Full data "Yay Yay Yay" sheet QSL received in 3 months for mailed report. [Cherry-VA]

WMOE. Full data sheet featuring Moe fighting off the DX demons, received in 2 weeks for an email report. [Cherry-VA] 2 Full data sheets #47, #48 in 20 months. [Filipkowski-RI] full data sheet #54 in 19 months for an email report. [Myers-FL] 5 QSL sheets for reports sent during 2000. [Sedlacek-NE]

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2100 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

AFGHANISTAN CLANDESTINES

By now I assume that most of us have heard the "Commander Solo" clandestine broadcasts funded by your tax dollars on 8700 kHz in upper sideband. Very large numbers of DXers have heard the signals from this one on a worldwide basis. There remains speculation about where the transmitter site is for this one, although Diego Garcia seems to have more votes in the speculation than any other site.

It seems definite that these shows are part of the responsibility of the 193rd Special Operations Wing of the US Air Force, normally headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Several DXers, notably including Jerry Berg who sent in the information, sent reception reports to this Harrisburg site. They received polite replies from Lt. Edward E. Shank, Chief of Public Affairs for the 193rd Special Operations Wing. Lt. Shank said that given the war, they can't verify reception reports yet. But, he did make clear that this Wing is involved in the broadcasts.

Finally, we hear from Adrian Peterson of Adventist World Radio. His message is interesting enough that I am going to quote it here:

"This evening, NPR gave a report from Kabul in Afghanistan regarding the re-activation of the radio station, indicating that the station has returned to the SW scene. The NPR reporter was in Kabul, in the studios of Radio Afghanistan. He stated that the station and its facilities were previously operated by the Taliban as "Radio Sharah" and the station name has been changed (reverted) to Radio Afghanistan. There are now two women announcers on the air reading the news, one in Dari and one in Pashto, I would imagine. They are now broadcasting music, children's programs as well as sports information. The station is operating at less than half capacity, probably program-wise as well as power output. The man who is now the manager of Radio Afghanistan was last week managing the small Northern Alliance station in the Panjir Valley. He has retained the previous Taliban staff, mainly due to the unavailability of experienced staff. It was also stated that SW is the best way to give coverage to all of Afghanistan thus indicating that the station is again on the air SW. The station is on the air daily beginning at 7:00 pm (local time). The NPR reporter also played a cut from one of the announcers reading the news as well as some traditional Afghan music now on the air from this station. During the time I lived in Pakistan, I visited Kabul in Afghanistan more times than I can count, and on many occasions I also visited the studios and transmitter facilities of Radio Afghanistan. Although the reporter did not specifically state where the studios are located where he was making his report, it is clear to me from the context of his information that he was in the building on the road to the airport that has been the studio facility of Radio Afghanistan for the past nearly 30 years."

Thanks go to Adrian for a very interesting commentary.

STEVE ANDERSON STILL WANTED

As we managed to get into *The ACE* on a last minute basis last month, Steve Anderson, the operator of United Patriot Radio, was involved in a gun battle with local law enforcement personnel in Bell County, Kentucky on October 16. Deputy Sheriff Scott Elder, one of the police involved in the incident, noted afterward that attempted murder charges have been filed against Anderson. Steve had been pulled over because his tail light was not working, but a hail of bullets followed the police stop. Anderson fled the scene, and as of column deadline he is still at large despite a \$5,000 reward from the ATF and Kentucky State Police for his capture. In the November 1 Somerset, Kentucky *Commonwealth Journal*, public relations trooper Buddy Simpson of the Harlan post of the Kentucky State Police said that he thought Anderson had "gone underground."

United Patriot Radio itself has disappeared from 6900 kHz since the police incident with Anderson. When I checked it around Thanksgiving, the old United Patriot Radio web site was not working anymore. The *Commonwealth Journal* reported on November 1 that the web site would close during the first week of November. Web site operator Pastor August B. Kreis III said that he was closing down the web site to take a position as Minister of Information and Propaganda with the Aryan Nations. If you want to try it in the future at its old <http://www.posses-comitatus.org/unitedpatriotradio/> URL, you will need a lot of luck. Thanks go to several DXers including Ken Stout for the latest information on this case.

The only remaining signs of this operation on shortwave are the station's parody pirate, United Patriot Militia Bingo.

WILLIAM COOPER SHOT DEAD BY POLICE IN ARIZONA

William Milton Cooper, longtime shortwave radio host on WWCR in Nashville, was shot and killed November 6 during a shootout with Apache County, Arizona Sheriff's Deputies. At least one deputy was injured in the shootout, which took place as they attempted to arrest Cooper on an outstanding warrant in Eagar, Arizona. Most of us have heard Cooper's "The Hour of Time" program on WWCR, which was at least quasi-clandestine because of its strong support for the USA patriot militia movement. Many people in this movement, including Timothy McVeigh who was executed for his role in the Oklahoma City terrorist bombing, cited Cooper as an inspirational voice in the media.

We thank ACE member Vince Havrilko for the tip on this one, along with Donald Reeve via Larry Magne for some of this information, which arrived while your editor was in Europe. At column deadline time, The Hour of Time still has details on the incident at its <http://williamcooper.com> web site.

OTHER CLANDESTINE LOGGINGS

Now that the winter DX season is here, plenty of clandestine loggings are appearing in various DX resources. I am listing a selection of them here, so that you can have some targets to shoot for. Unless noted, it is at least possible that we could be able to hear these signals, even if some of them are tough DX targets.

New Star Broadcasting Station- Gerry Dexter had a lousy signal on November 10 from this one around 1332 UTC on 13750 kHz. He noted the normal programming of flute music and numbers broadcasts by a female announcer. Even though this is often tough to hear, its novel anti-Chinese shows and either genuine or phony coded numbers messages are worth a check.

Radio Mesopotamia- via DXplorer, Gerry Dexter reported this one on November 2 in presumed Kurdish on 11530 kHz at 1402-1425 UTC. He heard a male announcer mentioning "Radio Mesopotamia" several times, a different female announcer, and a variety of vocal music. I haven't seen this Kurdistan station logged very often, but it is audible in the morning.

Radio Rainbow- Rich D'Angelo heard this one on 11840 kHz from *1900-1959* on November 16 with a fair signal. Programming was a male announcer with announcements, news, some music, and long talks in Amharic. This would be a good target for any Amharic fans in ACE.

Radio Xoriyo- Rich D'Angelo heard this one from *1630-1659* on October 16 on 15715 kHz. Rich says that along with long talks and instrumental music, he heard multiple ID's and sign-on announcements at the beginning. With programming like that, most of us could pull this one out if it's putting in a signal. Rich says that his signal was fine.

Voice of Jammu Kashmir Freedom- DXplorer's *Review of the DX Press* citing Japan Premium noted that Hashimoto-Japan heard this Kashmir clandestine on 5101.2 kHz on October 27 from *1259-1308 UTC with a decent signal. They have music just before an ID on the hour, with much programming from the Koran.

HOUSE PASSES RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN BILL

On November 7 the US House of Representatives voted to create a new Radio Free Afghanistan service. Rep. Ed Royce, R-California, was the chief sponsor of the bill. But, it passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in a 405-2 vote. The station will be designed to bring USA news and entertainment programs to Afghanistan in local languages. It appears that the service will be similar to the Radio Marti model, in which the radio production will be outside the Voice of America's normal structure.

At column deadline time, it looks like this might be one of those things that is a little late. Radio Afghanistan has returned to the air after the Taliban's loss of Kabul, and it could be that by the time Radio Free Afghanistan functions it will have lost a significant portion of its reason for being.

2002 PASSPORT TO WORLD BAND RADIO

The 2002 edition of *Passport to World Band Radio* arrived in November. This comprehensive shortwave radio guide is always a must-have book for all DXers, given its station frequency listings and equipment reviews. Once again this year, it is also an important reference for clandestine DXers. It contains its usual listing of clandestine broadcasters, which this time are listed as "clandestine" stations instead of the "disestablishmentarian" category used in some prior editions. Most quasi-clandestine stations are now omitted, but there is fairly thorough coverage of clandestine stations who provide either a postal and/or an e-mail address.

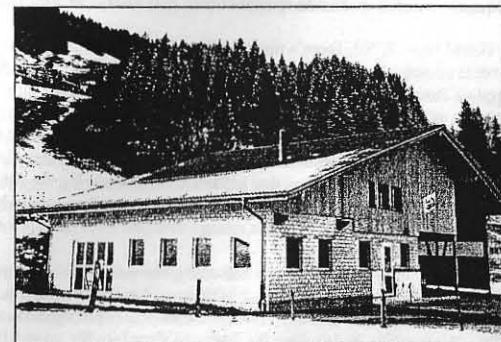
Once again this year, your editor was involved in the preparation of the receiver review section of this book. Before you write in, I am aware that the new edition did not manage to get the proper new ACE address into print. I'll see what I can do to make amends for this next year.

SWITZERLAND

As is usually the case at this time of year, I spent two weeks in Switzerland during early November. My Swiss trips are normally devoted to genealogy research and vacation, and this year was no exception. But, there were a handful of radio related events this year that I'll mention briefly.

As you know, Swiss Radio International has totally phased out their North American shortwave service, leaving pirate DJ Stevie at Radio 510 as the only Swiss shortwave voice to the world. Dimwitted bureaucrats in Bern appear not to be embarrassed by their blunder even now, despite the fact that sentences like the previous one are now appearing in print. Maybe the official in charge of the Swiss image abroad should take out some ads bragging about the fact that Switzerland is one of the few countries in the world whose international broadcaster is a pirate, even if he uses Italian transmitters.

I did visit the site of the old Lenk SRI transmitter, and I found that even the old transmitter bunker has now disappeared. It has been replaced by a wholesale milk barn where farmers bring the latest products from their cows for distribution. Thus, I report that Swiss Radio International has replaced their Lenk transmitter with a cow barn. I also checked out the old Schwarzenberg transmitter site, which had been rumored to have future plans as a radio museum. If these plans are still in place, I saw no sign of them. The old transmitter building complex remains, but it sits silently behind a locked gate. There still is a sign on the front door identifying it as the Schwarzenberg transmitter building. I did not visit the Sottens transmitter this year, given my terrible record for shutting down transmitters after I visit them. Although it no longer beams anything to North America, it still is temporarily in use to other parts of the world. So, the Swiss are still in the process of abandoning shortwave radio altogether.



The Infamous Lenk Barn: Shortwave Drowns In A Sea Of Milk
(Photo by George Zeller)

I had one other radio related experience in Switzerland. While driving down the road in Frutigen in the Alps I fiddled with my car radio to see what I could pick up. Lo and behold, on 873 kHz I heard the voice of Jack Ham saying in English, "Live from Cleveland Browns Stadium, this is the Browns-Steelers game. It turned out that the game was coming from AFN-Frankfort on medium wave. So, I was probably the only person in the Alps who was listening to the Cleveland Browns on my radio. The signal came in until the end of the fourth quarter, after which it was obliterated by interference from a station in Spain. The game ended with a 12-12 tie in regulation, but I was not able to hear the subsequent field goal in overtime by the Steelers.

I took a Grundig Yacht Boy 400 with me on the trip, but as usual I had little time for DXing, and I have nothing to report here.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), Tom Severt (Kansas), Jerry Berg (Massachusetts), Bud Stacy (Alabama), Harry Helms (California), Vince Havrilko (California), Rich D'Angelo (Pennsylvania), Ken Stoudt, Ed Cummings (Pennsylvania), Gerry Dexter (Wisconsin), Adrian Peterson (Indiana), Larry Magne (Pennsylvania), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by December 15 for the January 2002 *Clandestine Profile*.

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten & educate ACE members of the many facets of Part 15 & microradio. This is YOUR column, so send all stuff & what-have-you to the address or e-mail address above and YOU'LL get credit or blame, whichever you prefer!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! As I sit & write this, it's the eve of Thanksgiving. Much has happened over the last few months and life continues to pass at an alarming rate. Because of the "speed of life", I've had to change my hair color on my driver's license and pistol permit to "gray"! Due to events, we have much to be thankful for during this season. Life goes on, but I am more aware and defensive of where & what I do, ever vigilant, since we here locally have had some "events" transpire. Nonetheless, I wish you all a safe, happy, prosperous and good ol' American holiday season! Now, Maw, bless the bread & pass the bullets....

NEWS & EVENTS: Where are the LPFM stations? Radio World says they're trotting out, but you never hear of them any more. But who can afford a low-powered station at \$50k+? Not me; if I get

back on with any frequency other than on-site special events, it'll always be Part 15.

According to Radio World Nov. 7, '01, there's mention that churches are the largest number of licensees. But, believe it or not, governmental agencies are also getting on the bandwagon. The Georgia DOT has applied for and has been granted several licenses, mainly for hurricane evacuation and extreme weather info, as well as traffic control with their Intelligent Transportation System. But, they decided not to do anything with them now, since they've been granted in areas they can't use, and are not willing to meet the rules requiring 24-hour operation. So, they're looking for another governmental agency that can take them. Man, that p!\$\$e\$ me off, knowing the folks that want and beg for these things! Unlike the Ga. DOT, the Illinois DOT is blasting forward with their allotment, however. Looks like us hobby folks got shoveted out again.

December 12, '01 is the sentencing date for Khalid Kubweza, convicted of running an FM station without FCC approval. He'd been operating on 91.7 MHz from his Richmond, VA residence and had been warned repeatedly by the Commission and court, to no avail. All equipment was seized by U.S. Marshals and the FCC. Not looking good, since the Feds can slam him for up to \$100k, a year in the pokey, or both.

Overheard on a local commercial radio station covering sports events were the commentators for Troy State (Alabama) football was the fact that they use an FM transmitter on-site to send a signal to Trojan fans in the stands on "away" games! They never mentioned what they used, power levels or anything, but they did mention that a couple of site surveys turned sour! They basically looked at records for transmitter sites for which frequencies were open; upon arriving just before the game, they'd check the frequency & got blown out by a killer local station! This goes to show, NEVER trust the books! Do what I've said before, go ON-SITE and check it at several times, day & night before going on the air!

Not much else here; still a lot of "newbies" on alt.radio.pirate asking advice, so there's more getting "on" all the time. Hey, I wonder if "Hard Harry" is out of jail in time for the holidays? Will he ever "talk hard" again? Anyone for a sequel to "Pump Up The Volume" besides me? Hope y'all get all you want and more for Christmas and don't eat too much! 73 de Bud

Covert Comms

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Thank God we live in the land of the free and home of the brave. And the 1st amendment to the Constitution gives us the freedom of speech. Sometimes we as Americans take our freedoms for granted. Our country may not be perfect but at least we can talk about numbers stations.

Apparently the British government takes a dim view of its subjects discussing such matters in print. Newspaper articles about shortwave espionage have been pulled by the UK's "D" notice system. It is so-called because it was set up to silence discussion of any subject that might jeopardize the defense of the UK. Apparently the British government believes that talk of numbers stations falls into this category.

This particular "D" notice went into effect on 24 May 2000, and states:

1. It is requested that no details be published, without prior consultation, of the British Government's highly classified codes and ciphers, related data protection measures and communication facilities, or those of NATO or other allies.
2. It is also requested that advice be sought before disclosing, or elaboration on, information published at home or overseas about UK official codes and ciphers or their potential vulnerability.
3. Rationale. Disclosures that could compromise codes and ciphers put at risk the classified information protected by them and, indirectly, people's lives. Revealing details of associated data protection measures and communications facilities, whether obtained, for example, from documents or

by techniques such as computer hacking, could assist potential enemies to penetrate these elements of national security.

I can certainly understand and appreciate their reasoning, nor would I want to compromise the security of US allies. However, I would have to think that if the British government's codes or cipher systems are so weak as to be in danger from SWL's discussing numbers stations, then they should look for other means of encryption. I suspect that the CIA or NSA may be reading this column or the ENIGMA newsletter, and probably laughing at our lack of inside knowledge. I hope they feel that their encryption methods are secure enough to not need censorship on our part. Even if we discuss the one-time-pad system, it's virtually impossible to break the code without the pad itself. After all, we're not talking about A=1, B=2, C=3 children's codes.

Speaking of breaking codes, is anyone else having as much fun decoding the messages at the beginning of each chapter of *Body of Secrets*? I had a little trouble at first, thinking each block of text was encoded the same way. Actually, each line is encoded separately. Hmm... I wonder if I could persuade my local newspaper to carry "Cryptoquip"? Anyway, as soon as I'm finished reading the book, I'll give a review of it here. I can say that so far it is extremely interesting.

Strange signals department: John Sedlacek forwarded some information about an odd signal he heard. John was checking 21500 for pirates, but found Radio Voz Cristiana from Chile on the frequency. They went QRT at 2300 UTC, but on the frequency was a ticking signal similar to a time signal pip. This signal went on for several hours, never changing or doing anything different at the top or half of the hour. John states that he hasn't heard anything like this outside of a time signal station. I have to admit that it doesn't sound familiar to me. If anyone knows what this signal was or has heard something similar, I'd like to hear from you.

I would like to take this time to offer my condolences to Bob Madorin of Lenexa, KS. Bob just recently lost his wife Judy to cancer. Bob, KB0MZE, is an active ham & utility DX'er, and was stationed at RAF Chicksands as an Air Force RTTY intercept operator during the 1960's.

Have a happy holiday season, and may there be a new HF receiver under your tree and lots of DX in your stocking this year.

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